

TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS
NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES AND DEBT
ON A REFERRED MEASURE
PROPOSED AGATE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Elbert County, Colorado

Election Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2009
Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Local Election Office Address and Telephone Number:

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 215 Comanche Street
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Ballot Title and Text:

Ballot Issue 5B

SHALL THE AGATE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$51,953.00 TO BE PAID ANNUALLY OR BY SUCH LESSER ANNUAL AMOUNT AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO PAY THE DISTRICT'S OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE, AND OTHER BUDGET EXPENSES; SUCH TAXES TO CONSIST OF AN AD VALOREM MILL LEVY IMPOSED AT A RATE NOT TO EXCEED EIGHT MILLS OR WITH SUCH ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD, AND IN AMOUNTS SUFFICIENT TO PRODUCE THE VOTER AUTHORIZED AMOUNT SET FORTH ABOVE OR SUCH LESSER AMOUNTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSES OF PAYING THE DISTRICT'S OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE, AND OTHER EXPENSES; AND SHALL THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAXES AND INVESTMENT INCOME THEREON CONSTITUTE VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGES AND BE COLLECTED AND SPENT BY THE DISTRICT IN 2010 AND IN EACH YEAR THEREAFTER WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY SPENDING, REVENUE RAISING, OR OTHER LIMITATION CONTAINED WITHIN ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, OR SECTION 29-1-301, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES?

YES _____
 NO _____

Summary of written comments for proposal:

The Agate Rural Volunteer Fire Department has provided fire protection for the proposed district since 1951 and has been a valuable asset to the surrounding community. The budget for the fire department over the years has been dependent upon the receipt of donations. As expenses and costs have risen, the funds received from donations have been insufficient to maintain fire fighting vehicles and equipment, both as to repair and acquisition of that equipment. It has become increasingly difficult with the funds that are normally available to the Department to maintain equipment, pay expenses, and to recruit and train volunteers. Without dependable tax revenues the Department will not be able to adequately train volunteers or obtain the equipment needed to meet the increasing needs of the proposed District. Further, the Department is not eligible for the grants that often are available only to Districts for the purchase of new vehicles and equipment.

Summary of written comments against the proposal:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Ballot Issue 5C

IF THE AGATE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT IS ORGANIZED SHALL THE AGATE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN, AND SPEND THE AMOUNT OF ALL TAXES, GRANTS, OR ANY OTHER FEE, RATE, TOLL, PENALTY, OR CHARGE AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO BE IMPOSED OR COLLECTED BY THE DISTRICT AND ANY OTHER REVENUE, INCOME, OR PAYMENTS RECEIVED BY THE DISTRICT (INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, REVENUES RECEIVED BY THE DISTRICT FROM THE STATE, ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY), DURING FISCAL YEAR 2010 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER FOR AS LONG AS THE DISTRICT CONTINUES IN EXISTENCE WITHOUT LIMITATION BY THE REVENUE AND SPENDING LIMITS OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW, AS THEY CURRENTLY EXIST OR AS THEY MAY BE AMENDED IN THE FUTURE?

YES _____
 NO _____

Summary of written comments for proposal:

Approval of Ballot Issue 5C would allow the District to seek and retain any award / grant funds, and other lawful revenues, without violating the revenue and spending limits imposed by law.

Summary of written comments against the proposal:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

Fiscal Year Spending Information:

2009: None

2008: None (The proposed Agate Fire Protection District is seeking voter approval for formation and funding. There has been no prior fiscal year spending)

2007: None

2006: None

2005: None

Overall percentage change in

fiscal year spending: (No previous tax revenues received)

Overall Dollar amount change: (No previous tax revenues received)

Estimated maximum dollar amount of tax increase for 2010 or whenever tax receipts are collected: \$ 51,953.00

Estimated 2010 fiscal year spending without

tax increase: 0.00

Information on Current Bonded Debt: There is no current bonded debt



ELIZABETH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT — BALLOT QUESTION 5D

TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO INCREASE TAXES ON A REFERRED MEASURE

**ELIZABETH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
ELBERT COUNTY, COLORADO**

Election Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Election Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Local Election Office Elizabeth Fire Protection District
Address and Telephone Number: 155 W. Kiowa Avenue
Elizabeth, Colorado 80107
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Ballot Title and Text:

ELIZABETH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION 5D

SHALL ELIZABETH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$272,500 (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR DOLLAR INCREASE) ANNUALLY BEGINNING IN LEVY YEAR 2009 (COLLECTED IN 2010) AND ENDING AFTER THE LEVY IN YEAR 2016 (COLLECTED IN 2017) BY INCREASING THE DISTRICT'S EXISTING TAX BY 1.97 MILLS TO BE USED FOR:

- NECESSARY UPGRADES TO FIRE STATIONS 1, 2 & 3;
- PURCHASE OF TWO STRUCTURAL FIRE ENGINES;
- PURCHASE OF TWO WILD LAND FIRE TRUCKS;
- PURCHASE OF TWO EMERGENCY MEDICAL AMBULANCES;
- PURCHASE OF TWO INCIDENT COMMAND VEHICLES;
- UPDATE APPARATUS & FIREFIGHTER SAFETY EQUIPMENT;

PROVIDED, THAT FOR THE 8 YEARS THIS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT TAX IS IN PLACE, THE REVENUE FROM THE 1.97 MILLS AND ANY EARNINGS ON THIS TAX SHALL CONSTITUTE A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE WITHIN THE MEANING OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITATIONS SET FORTH IN SECTION 29-1-301 OF THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES, AND ANY OTHER LAW?

_____ YES

_____ NO

Total District Fiscal Year Spending:

2005 (Actual)	\$2,108,544.00
2006 (Actual)	\$2,211,137.00
2007 (Actual)	\$1,968,184.00
2008 (Actual)	\$2,069,531.00
2009 (Estimated)	\$2,265,073.00

Overall Percentage Change from 2005 to 2009: 7.4%

Overall Dollar Change from 2005 to 2009: \$156,529.00

Elizabeth Fire Protection District's Estimated Maximum Dollar Amount for First Full Fiscal Year of Proposed Tax Increase and Estimated First Full Fiscal Year Spending Without Proposed Tax Increase:

Estimated Maximum Dollar Amount for First Full Fiscal Year of
Proposed Tax Increase: \$272,500.00

Estimated First Full Fiscal Year Spending Without
Proposed Tax Increase: \$2,237,810.90

**Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Question 5D:
PRO – 5D**

The Elizabeth Fire District was founded in 1947 and has truly been the most dependable agency in the county. Basically the only operating funds are generated by property taxes and they do not get any sales tax dollars. The 1.98 mill levy increase is needed to improve the department's infrastructure, as well as the safety of the firefighters and public. Fire department standards are set by National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and these are the standards departments strive to meet. Fire department insurance ratings are also set by Insurance Services Offices (ISO) based on several criteria. The district's population has increase 77% since 1980, placing extra burdens on the department. Calls for assistance have increased from 668 in 1999 to 953 calls in 2008. The district operates 24/7 with both paid staff and volunteers.

The mill levy increase will be used to upgrade district fire stations and equipment, which today does not meet national standards. The district is currently short two structural fire engines. Standards call for an engine at each of the three stations, plus a reserve. Currently there are only two engines and no reserve. We reside in a wild-land area, but the districts main brush trucks are older converted military vehicles. It is purposed that funds be used to improve the three stations, including station 72 in Ponderosa Park. This facility would be upgraded to a new 3 bay station capable of handling the larger pieces of apparatus. The existing station would be remodeled to provide 24 staffing. There would be other minor improvements to stations 71 (Elizabeth) & 73 (Singing Hills). It is also proposed that the district would buy 2 new structural engines to replace outdated equipment and place an engine at station 72, Ponderosa Park, which currently has none. The current oldest engine would then become a reserve. 2 wild-land trucks and a medic unit would also be purchased, along with the upgrade of current apparatus. This mill levy will provide the citizens the highest quality of fire suppression and medical services in a responsible, yet cost effective manner. It will upgrade district equipment to meet national standards that require service life of no more than 20 years.

Benefits include cost effective, reliable equipment and stations to meet the increasing needs of a growing community. *Improved service that will help reduce response time for 911 calls. *Meet safety needs of the firefighters and citizens.

The district provides numerous services to its citizens including fire suppression, paramedic services, hazardous material response, vehicle rescue, fire prevention and education, CPR classes and others.

This capital improvement mill levy increase will be assessed for only 8 years and then the tax rate will decrease to current levels. There has not been a mill levy increase since 2000. A yes vote is recommended so the district can continue their excellent service to the community.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Question 5D:

No comments were filed by the Constitutional deadline.



NORTH CENTRAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT — BALLOT ISSUE 5E

TO: ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

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NORTH CENTRAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT Elbert County, Colorado

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Ballot Title and Text:

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 5E:

SHALL NORTH CENTRAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT DEBT BE INCREASED \$569,000, WITH A REPAYMENT COST NOT TO EXCEED \$1,100,000 AND SHALL DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED NOT MORE THAN \$54,000 ANNUALLY TO PAY SUCH DEBT; SUCH DEBT TO BE ISSUED FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- AN ADDITION OF A 30,000 GALLON WATER STORAGE CISTERN,
- INCREASED AND HEATED STORAGE OF EMERGENCY VEHICLES,
- INCREASED TRAINING AND OFFICE SPACE FOR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS AND A FACILITY FOR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS USE AS WELL AS FOR SHELTER DURING A DISASTER;

AND SHALL THE MILL LEVY BE INCREASED IN ANY YEAR, WITHOUT LIMITATION OF RATE AND IN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON SUCH DEBT OR ANY REFUNDING DEBT (OR TO CREATE A RESERVE FOR SUCH PAYMENT), SUCH DEBT TO BE EVIDENCED BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR OTHER FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS BEARING INTEREST AT A MAXIMUM NET EFFECTIVE INTEREST RATE OF 6.95%; SUCH DEBT TO BE SOLD IN ONE SERIES OR MORE, FOR A PRICE ABOVE OR BELOW THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SUCH SERIES, ON TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND WITH SUCH MATURITIES AS PERMITTED BY LAW AND AS THE DISTRICT MAY DETERMINE, INCLUDING PROVISIONS FOR REDEMPTION OF THE DEBT PRIOR TO MATURITY WITH OR WITHOUT PAYMENT OF THE PREMIUM OF NOT TO EXCEED THREE PERCENT; AND SHALL THE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE DEBT TO REFUND THE DEBT AUTHORIZED IN THIS QUESTION, PROVIDED THAT AFTER THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH REFUNDING DEBT THE TOTAL OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF ALL DEBT ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS QUESTION DOES NOT EXCEED THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT SET FORTH ABOVE, AND PROVIDED FURTHER THAT ALL DEBT ISSUED BY THE DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THIS QUESTION IS ISSUED ON TERMS THAT DO NOT EXCEED THE REPAYMENT COSTS AUTHORIZED IN THIS QUESTION; AND SHALL SUCH TAX REVENUES AND THE EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH BOND PROCEEDS AND TAX REVENUES BE COLLECTED, RETAINED AND SPENT AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE UNDER ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

Total District Fiscal Year Spending

Fiscal Year(1)	
2009 (estimated)	\$ 40,656
2008 (actual)	\$ 45,009
2007 (actual)	\$ 43,882
2006 (actual)	\$ 147,936(2)
2005 (actual)	\$ 39,860
Overall percentage change from 2005 to 2009	1.9%
Overall dollar change from 2005 to 2009	\$796.00

(1) In 1997, the voters of the District authorized the District to collect, retain and expend all revenues it receives notwithstanding the provisions of Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution.

(2) In 2006, the District received a \$102,696 Energy Impact Assistance Grant from the Department of Local Affairs.

(3) Excluded from debt are enterprise and annual appropriation obligations.

Proposed Tax Increase

District Estimate of the Maximum Dollar Amount
of the Proposed Tax Increase For Fiscal Year 2010
(the First Full Fiscal Year of the Proposed Tax Increase):

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 5E: \$54,000

District Estimate of 2010 Fiscal Year Spending

Without Proposed Tax Increase: \$41,000

Information on District's Proposed Debt

BALLOT ISSUE NO. 5E:

Principal Amount of Proposed Bonds:	Not to exceed \$ 569,000
Maximum Annual District Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$ 54,000
Total District Repayment Cost:	Not to exceed \$1,100,000

Information on District's Current Debt(3)

Principal Amount Outstanding Debt:	\$0
Maximum Annual Repayment Cost:	\$0
Remaining Total Repayment Cost:	\$0

Summary of Written Comments FOR Ballot Issue No. 5E:

Voting YES on this measure will:

- Increase the amount of water available to the District by 6 times, from 5,000 to 35,000 gallons. This water availability improves response time and the amount of water the District can use to contain your fire without as much reliance on distant, neighboring districts.
- Allow the District to store all fire fighting and medical vehicles inside, which means keeping water in the trucks during the winter ready to fight a fire and deploy immediately, and keep vehicles safe from vandalism and theft.
- Provide emergency shelter for residents during a disaster or severe weather conditions. Provide office and training space for volunteers and a community room for residents.
- Provide for easy expansion of facilities for additional volunteers and fire/medical vehicles if future conditions dictate.

This measure could actually SAVE you money each year. Your insurance provider knows the value of having 2 hours of uninterrupted water available to you when you need it. Many residents have reported that their homeowner's insurance premiums would go down as much or more than this tax measure will cost. This premium reduction is a forever reduction for you, and the Bond ends after 20 years.

The District has previously purchased a new ambulance and new brush truck, whose total value is about \$250,000, with grant money, using only a small percentage of your tax dollars as matching funds. The Board of Directors has been very cautious fiscally while providing some of the best fire fighting and medical equipment for our taxpaying residents. Based on the nature of the proposed building improvements, the addition is difficult to fund through grant sources. Therefore, the District is seeking funding through this bond measure.

For the price of a nice home, the volunteers are asking for the water storage and facility improvements needed by the community. The total investment of \$569,000 will cost each property owner \$8.48 per month per \$100,000 of property value. Please support this worthy cause. Vote YES on 5E.

Summary of Written Comments AGAINST Ballot Issue No. 5E:

No comments were filed by the constitutional deadline.

